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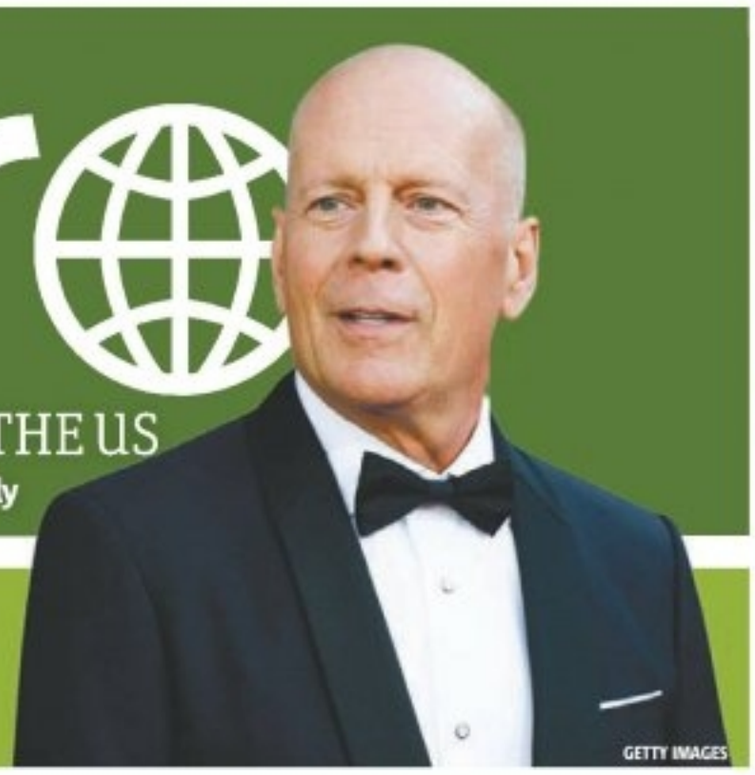

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Children love riding on "duck boats" in cities with easy access to nearby waterways, like Boston, Philadelphia and Seattle. But the Branson, Missouri, duck boat capsizing that killed 17 is just the latest example of the very real peril these boats, modified versions of WWII landing vehicles, can pose. The Philadelphia lawyer who handled two duck boat-related wrongful death lawsuits says operators have failed to make safety updates for years, and says they should be banned nationally. Read more inside and on **metrophilly.us.**

1 FACEBOOK SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON

Facebook Inc. has signed an agreement with the state of Washington to stop third-party advertisers in the United States from excluding protected groups from seeing their ads, the Washington State Attorney General said on Tuesday. Facebook confirmed the agreement with the state, and said the announcement is part of a long process to ensure that tools used to target ads on the social network are safe, civil, and fair. "We've removed thousands of categories related to potentially sensitive personal attributes — like race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and religion — from our exclusion targeting tools," the company said, pointing to its efforts from over a year-and-a-half. The legally binding agreement with Washington state requires Facebook to make the changes to its ad platform within 90 days, Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson said. "Facebook's advertising platform allowed unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, sexual orientation, disability and religion," Ferguson said.

2 AMERICAN CHARGED WITH SUPPORTING ISIS

A Michigan man seized overseas by U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces has been charged with providing material support to Islamic State militants, the U.S. Justice Department said on Tuesday. Ibraheem Izzy Musaibli, 28, of Dearborn, Michigan, provided support to the group from 2015 until last month, the department said in a statement. Musaibli, a natural-born U.S. citizen, will be arraigned in federal court in Detroit on Wednesday, it said. The New York Times said last week that Musaibli was captured by the Syrian Democratic forces in northern Syria earlier in July as he tried to escape the Middle Euphrates River Valley, where the group has been working to drive Islamic State militants from one of the last areas they control. The man's younger brother said he believed Musaibli is innocent, the Detroit News reported on Tuesday. "I don't just believe he's innocent. I KNOW he's innocent," Abdullah Musaibli said via Facebook Messenger, according to the Detroit News. Musaibli will have a court-appointed lawyer, the brother said.

3 WILDFIRES KILL AT LEAST 74 IN GREECE'S 'POMPEII'

Greece's prime minister told of the "unspeakable tragedy" the country faced after at least 74 people were killed by wildfires that swept through a resort, trapping people in cars and on the edge of cliffs as others were forced to jump off to survive. Scores of gutted cars lined streets in the coastal town, east of Athens, melted by the intensity of the heat.

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4 DEMI LOVATO STABLE AFTER SUSPECTED OD

Pop star Demi Lovato was taken to a Los Angeles hospital on Tuesday due to a suspected overdose, according to media reports. Lovato, 25, has spoken openly about cocaine and alcohol abuse. Representatives for Lovato did not respond to a request for comment but People magazine, quoting an unidentified source, reported she was "okay and stable." TMZ, quoting law enforcement sources, reported that Lovato was found unconscious at her home and was treated with Narcan, an emergency treatment for suspected opioid and drug overdoses. Los Angeles police said they had responded to a medical emergency on Tuesday involving a woman on the Hollywood Hills street where Lovato reportedly has a home, but declined to name the person. Lovato released a song last month called "Sober" in which she sang, "Momma, I'm so sorry, I'm not sober anymore, And daddy, please forgive me for the drinks spilled on the floor, To the ones who never left me We've been down this road before, I'm so sorry, I'm not sober anymore."

5 JOURNALIST GUNNED DOWN IN MEXICAN RESORT TOWN

A journalist was fatally shot in the Mexican beach resort town of Playa del Carmen, state prosecutors said on Tuesday, less than a month after he complained of being beaten and threatened by local police. Gunmen opened fire on Ruben Pat, 42, founder of website Playa News, in the early hours of Tuesday outside a bar near the beach, prosecutors from the state of Quintana Roo said in a statement. The bar was not within any of the area's many resorts. Pat's killing was the latest in a growing list of fatalities in a country that has become notorious for violent attacks on media workers. Less than a month ago, another journalist at Playa News was shot to death in another part of the state. Pat covered security matters and had been receiving threats for the past six months, according to one of his colleagues, who asked to remain anonymous for fear of facing reprisals. The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) said in June that Pat had told them that month he was assaulted by municipal police officers. "They told me to stop publishing articles about a local police chief, and that I knew what would be coming to me if I didn't," Pat said.

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Duck boats are dangerous and should be banned, Philly lawyer says

The attorney who represented the teens killed in a 2010 incident says a ban should've happened long ago.

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Duck boats should have been made illegal years before the Missouri tragedy that claimed 17 lives, due to key design flaws, says an attorney who has handled two wrongful death cases involving duck boats.

Robert Mongeluzzi, an attorney with the Philadelphia firm of Saltz, Mongeluzzi, Barrett & Bendesky, P.C., handled cases involving duck boat deaths in 2015 and 2010 and each time renewed calls for a ban of the popular amphibious tourist attractions. 'Duck boats' are actually modified military vehicles, built using old models of the WW2 DUKW landing boats, which were used extensively during the U.S. invasion of Normandy on D-Day. "These half-bus, half-boat novelties are actually 'tourist deathtraps' on land and in the water," Mongeluzzi said. "What does it take for tour operators to realize that they cannot value profit more than human life and public safety?"

In the Branson, Missouri, tragedy, the boat went out during a thunderstorm before being capsized by choppy waves. 17 drowned, including the boat's captain and nine members of one family. Former National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) chairman Jim Hall also spoke out after the incident to say he believes all duck boats should be banned nationally, a position Mongeluzzi agreed with.

17

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Ride the Ducks Branson said it was "deeply saddened" by the recent drownings and vowed to cooperate with the NTSB investigation while also paying for all victims funeral and medical expenses. They said they can't comment on the investigation, but did not indicate they would cease running duck boat tours.

"Tragically, it appears that numerous recommended life-saving safety improvements were never made to the duck boats — before and after the fatal 2010 Philadelphia disaster."

Andrew Duffy

Mongeluzzi, who called duck boats "inherently unsafe," represented the families of two Hungarian students who died after a disabled duck boat on which they were passengers was hit by a tugboat in the Delaware River in 2010. Video during the incident which was introduced at trial showed one 16-year-old victim throwing a life preserver to one of the boat's crew who had gone overboard before herself drowning. The case was settled for $17 million.

Mongeluzzi's partner Andrew Duffy said co-counsel on that case, said safety issues evident in that case apparently were not addressed by duck boat operators, like Ride the Ducks, which operated the Branson, Missouri ,duck boat that sank in Table Rock Lake on July 19, killing 17 of 31 people on the boat.

"Tragically, it appears that numerous recommended life-saving safety improvements were never made to the duck boats — before and after the fatal 2010 Philadelphia disaster," Duffy said. "Our engineering experts showed how the vehicles were actually engineered to fail in a water emergency, their canopies trapping passengers in their life jackets rather than allowing their escape."

In 1999, under former Commissioner Hall, the NTSB noted the danger of the boats canopy roofs in a report on a 1999 duck boat sinking in Arkansas in which 13

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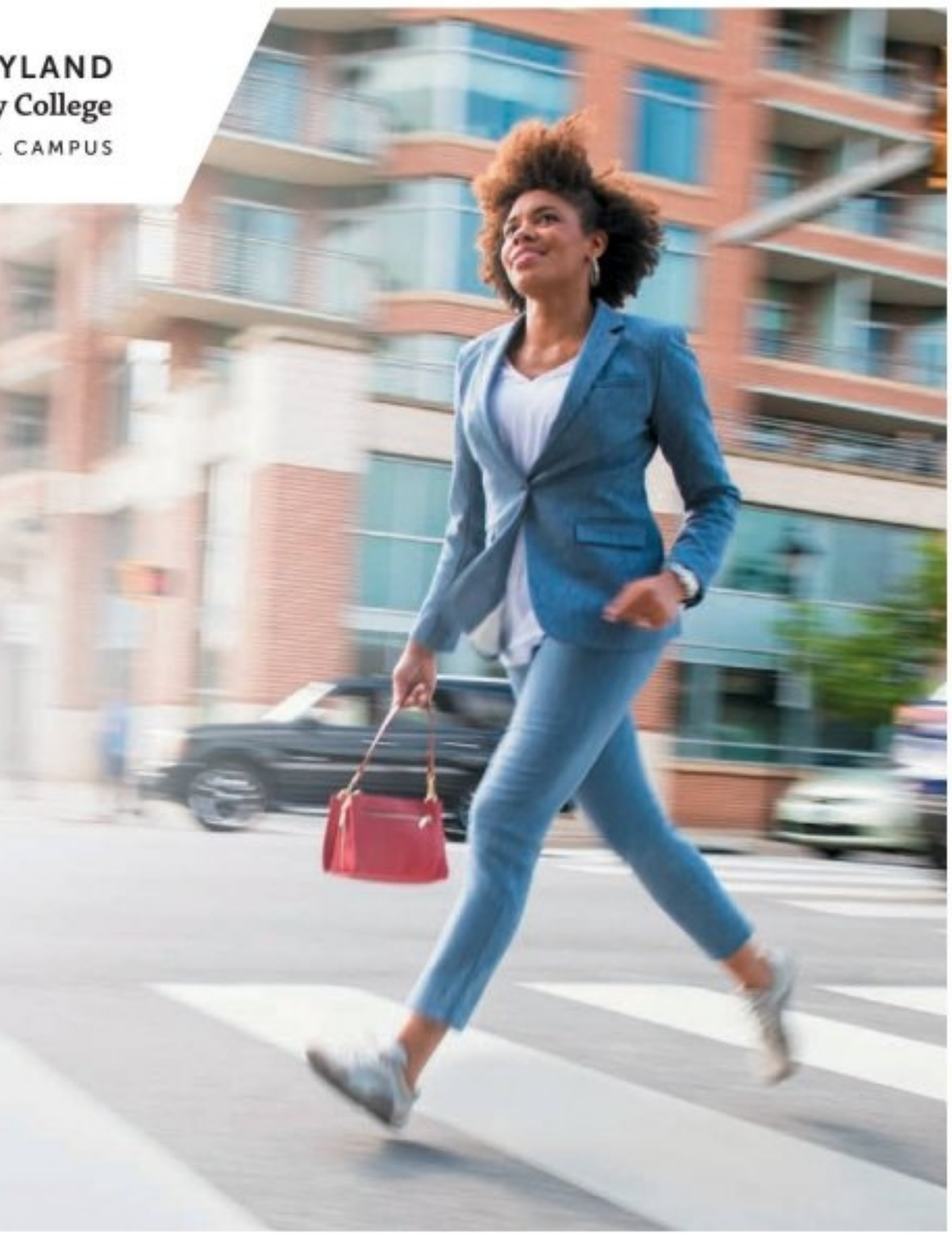

A family of mourners stop to place a flower on a duck boat used by Ride The Ducks tours on July 20, 2018 in Branson, Missouri, after 17 died due to a boat capsizing, including the boat's captain and a family of nine. GETTY IMAGES

drowned.

In 2015, 68-year-old tourist Elizabeth Karnicki of Beaumont, Texas, was killed in Philadelphia after being hit by a Ride the Ducks vehicle as she crossed the street. Some 18 months after her death, the Ride the Ducks company canceled all service in Philadelphia due to rising insurance costs, laying off some 42 staff. Also in 2016, a 28-year-old woman on a motor-scooter was hit and killed by a duck boat in Boston in April. Mongeluzzi says the vehicles post drivers 10 feet above street level and are unsafe on city streets.

In Boston, where duck boat tours continue, Mayor Marty Walsh said stepped-up safety regulations including having life vests accessible under the roof instead of under the seats, additional staff on boats, and careful monitoring of weather conditions make the boats a safe tourist option.

But Duffy and Mongeluzzi say that is not possible.

"It's been clear for decades, as the death toll mounted, that the duck boat industry has not and will not follow non-binding recommendations and self-police," Duffy said. "If they are not legislated out of the duck boat business they'll continue to operate and, tragically, more innocent lives will be lost."

US safety board to hold hearing on fatal Southwest engine failure

The Southwest Airlines plane that landed in Philly after its engine exploded to be investigated by a federal body.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said on Tuesday it will hold an investigative hearing in November about a midair incident in April in which an engine on a Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 exploded over Pennsylvania, killing one passenger, before it landed in Philadelphia.

The hearing will focus on the CFM International engine fan blade design and development history of the engine type that failed, as well as engine fan blade inspection methods, procedures and engine fan blade containment design and certification criteria.

CFM is a joint venture of General Electric Co and France's Safran SA. Dallas-bound Southwest Airlines flight 1380 made an emergency landing in Philadelphia in April just 20 minutes after leaving New York's LaGuardia airport because of an uncontained engine failure. It started when a fan blade from the left engine (a CFM56) snapped off due to metal fatigue.

Jennifer Riordan, 43, was partially sucked through an opening in the plane, and though passengers helped her back inside, she died from blunt trauma later that day.

The other 144 passengers survived. Riordan's death was the first on a U.S. commercial aircraft since 2009, when a Colgan Air flight lost control while en route to landing at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport and crashed into a home, killing 50, including a resident of that home. The Southwest Airlines pilot who landed the plane with a blown engine, Tammie Jo Schults, was credited for her bravery. After the Southwest plane made an emergency landing, Shults walked the aisle to check on passengers and ensure their safety.

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Southwest Airlines Co. sent $5,000 checks to all the passengers aboard the flight.

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Shults was one of the first female fighter pilots in the U.S. military. She is a 1983 graduate of MidAmerica Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas where she earned degrees in biology and agribusiness, a university spokeswoman told The Kansas City Star.

Air traffic control recordings highlight her calm demeanor as the plane dove toward the ground.

Shults: "Could you have the medical meet us there on the runway as well? We've got injured passengers."

Air traffic control: "Injured passengers, OK. And is your airplane

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Shults: "No, it's not on fire. But part of it is missing. They said there's a hole and that someone went out."

Air traffic control: "Um, I'm sorry. You said there was a hole and somebody went out? Southwest 1380 it doesn't matter we will work it out there."

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Trump to provide $12 billion in aid to farmers to ease trade pain

The aid would shield farmers from repercussions felt by trade spats between the U.S., China, the EU and others.

The Trump administration on Tuesday said it would pay up to $12 billion to help U.S. farmers endure a growing trade battle with China, the European Union and others, a clear signal the president is determined to stick with tariffs as his weapon of choice in the conflict.

The move to cushion the blow for a politically important constituency — rural and agricultural states that supported U.S. President Donald Trump by wide margins in the election but have been targeted by China's retaliation to his trade tactics — was met with broad criticism by many farmers and farm-belt lawmakers.

Trump's trade policies have become central in several rural-state U.S. Senate races ahead of congressional elections in November, as Democrats there try to keep hold of several seats that Republicans have targeted.

The president, speaking at an event in Kansas City on Tuesday, aggressively reaffirmed his support for tariffs and pledged that ultimately, "farmers will be the biggest beneficiary."

"Just be a little patient," Trump said.

To that end, the relief package is intended to serve as only a temporary boost to farmers as the United States and China negotiate over trade issues, officials said.

"This obviously is a short-term solution that will give President Trump time to work on a long-term trade policy," said Sonny Perdue, the secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The aid will be financed through the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation and thus will not require congressional approval, Perdue said.

The CCC has broad authority to make loans and direct payments to U.S. growers when prices for corn, soybeans, wheat and other agricultural goods are low.

The administration's action appeared to divide Republicans.

Kevin Cramer, a U.S. representative trying to unseat Democrat Sen. Heidi Heitkamp in North Dakota, praised the move.

"Great to see [Trump] providing aid to farmers impacted by retaliatory tariffs," Cramer wrote on Twitter.

But other Republicans were troubled by what they view as the kind of widespread government-assistance program their party has traditionally opposed.

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Sonny Perdue

"This trade war is cutting the legs out from under farmers and the White House's 'plan' is to spend $12 billion on gold crutches," said Sen. Ben Sasse, a Nebraska Republican who frequently criticizes the president, a fellow Republican.

"Tariffs are taxes that punish American consumers and producers," Kentucky Republican Senator Rand Paul wrote on Twitter. "If tariffs punish farmers, the answer is not welfare for farmers — the answer is remove the tariffs."

Democratic Rep. Jackie Speier of California, a major agricultural state, on Twitter accused Trump of trying to "placate the farmers that voted for you" with a $12 billion payment.

Later this week, Trump will visit Iowa and Illinois, two other farm-belt states, as he seeks to shore up support for Republican candidates in those regions.

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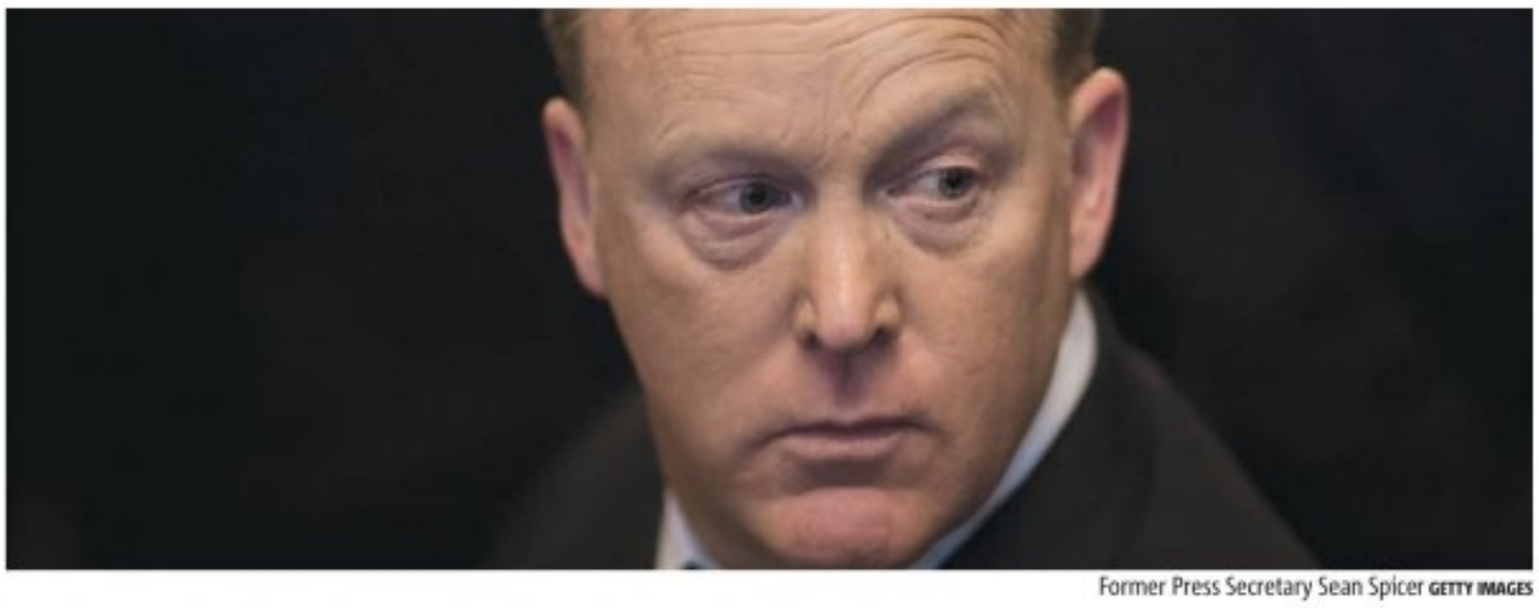

Former Press Secretary Sean Spicer GETTY IMAGES

When we last saw Sean Spicer, the former White House press secretary, he was stumbling out of the gate of a post-Trump career: He had been turned down for a Fox News commentator gig and was having trouble finding guests for a talk-show pilot named "Common Ground."

Adding to his woes: The buzz on the new Sean Spicer book is about as good as the one that followed his first press briefing.

Vanity Fair reports that "The Briefing," out this week, is not the warts-and-all exposé the public might want to hear from the man who once hid from cameras in a White House hedge and was bullied by Trump about his tailoring.

The book is filled with wide-eyed wonderment at Trump's communications strategy ('The more time I spent with him, the more I came to understand that President Trump wanted me to repeat his answers to the press verbatim'), and anodyne anecdotes such as the time Spicer lent Trump a green tie for St. Patrick's Day," writes Tina Nguyen. "Another section describes the president as a man of 'compassion and sympathy,' with 'Christian instincts and feeling,' particularly after the death of Spicer's father."

As far as what others think of the book, the reviews have been largely negative, calling Spicer on the carpet for his lack of credibility. "At times, it rings like an audition for a talk show," says the Guardian of the book. "At others, it sounds like a family member seeking to whitewash an abusive relationship." Concludes the Wall Street Journal: "Mr. Spicer's book is much like his tenure as press secretary: short, littered with inaccuracies and offering up one consistent theme: Mr. Trump can do no wrong."

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The Washington Post's Erik Wemple calls the book "a bumbling effort at gaslighting Americans into doubting what they have seen with their own eyes as far back as June 2015."

But it's The Telegraph that may have stuck a fork in "The Briefing," saying that it "reeks of desperation." Writes Harriet Alexander: "At times hostile, at times hilarious, his briefings got higher ratings than the actual soap operas airing at the same time. So how has he managed to make his account of the time so dull?" MICHAEL MARTIN

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Cosby is a 'sexually violent predator': Pennsylvania panel

The 81-year-old disgraced actor and comic will be sentenced in September.

Pennsylvania state advisory board recommended that Bill Cosby be deemed a "sexually violent predator," requiring that the convicted comedian undergo counseling as well as register as a sex offender for life, prosecutors said on Tuesday.

The 81-year-old entertainer, known as "America's Dad" for his role in the 1980s TV hit "The Cosby Show," was found guilty in April of drugging and sexually assaulting a former friend at his Philadelphia-area home in 2004.

The victim, Andrea Constand, was one of dozens of women who have accused the comedian of a string of sexual assaults dating back decades. Hers was the only accusation recent enough to be criminally prosecuted.

In a court filing on Tuesday, Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele asked Judge Steven O'Neill to schedule a hearing to determine whether to accept the recommendation of the state's sexual offender assessment board.

Cosby, who is allowed to leave his home only to visit doctors or lawyers ahead of his September sentencing, will have the right to challenge the recommendation.

"We will see you in court," Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said in an email.

20%

Pennsylvania's Sex Offender Assessment Board recommends that an individual be deemed a sexually violent predator in just 20 percent of the cases it investigates

Cosby is the highest-profile celebrity convicted of sexual assault yet since the start of the #MeToo movement, which has seen hundreds of women publicly accuse powerful men, such as Harvey Weinstein, of sexual misconduct that was often broadly overlooked by colleagues.

Bill Cosby was found guilty in April of drugging and sexually assaulting a former friend. GETTY IMAGES

Under Pennsylvania state law, a sexually violent predator is someone convicted of a sexually violent offense "who has a mental abnormality or personality disorder the makes the person likely to engage in predatory sexually violent offenses."

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Cosby is the highest-profile celebrity convicted of sexual assault during the #MeToo movement. GETTY IMAGES

deemed a sexually violent predator in just 20 percent of the cases it investigates, the board's head, Meghan Dade, said in a May interview. Judges have upheld its recommendations at least 70 percent of the time, she said.

Sexually violent predators must register for life with Pennsylvania police and attend sex offender counseling at least once a month for life.

Law enforcement is required to provide neighbors, local day care centers and schools with the name, address and photograph of all offenders in the area.

State law requires police to deliver a flier featuring the name, mug shot and description of the crimes of a sexually violent predator to the offender's 25 closest neighbors. REUTERS

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Ivanka Trump's fashion company is shutting down

The first daughter said she will focus her energies on advising the president.

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The Ivanka Trump fashion company has been without its namesake leader since her father became president. And now, it's reportedly shutting down.

Trump first distanced herself from her brand after the election — but even before this, consumers started boycotting the label in response to the infamous "Access Hollywood" "grab them by the p***y" tape. Conveniently, the nationwide boycott was called the #GrabYourWallet movement.

In a statement released in November 2016, the Ivanka Trump fashion company announced that Trump was getting her own social media handles (instead of using the company's feeds as her own).

"Our company's mission is not political — it never was and it never will be — however, Ivanka, personally, has an increased opportunity to advocate for women and be a positive force for change," the Ivanka Trump fashion brand wrote in a statement.

"As a private citizen, with full awareness of her heightened visibility, she will broaden her efforts to take a stance on issues of critical importance to American women and families," the statement continued. "Meanwhile, our team will continue working to inspire and empower women to create the lives they want to live through solution-oriented product and inspiring content on IvankaTrump.com and across social media."

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Back in April, the president announced that the Ivanka Trump fashion company was exempt from the $150 billion in new tariffs he proposed.

Then, in January 2017, Trump announced that she was stepping down from her role as president of the brand.

Since her departure, brands like Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus and Burlington Coat Factory dropped Trump's clothing line from their stores due to "poor performance" (most likely attributable to the #GrabYourWallet boycott).

Trump continued to face accusations that she was exploiting her place in the White House to further the success of her line. For instance, back in April, the president announced that the Ivanka Trump fashion company was exempt from the $150 billion in new tariffs he proposed.

Yes — and insider sources say Trump's absence has taken a toll on the company.

"It's just never recovered since she stepped away from the company," one told Page Six. Employees are reportedly being laid off, and the headquarters will close down ASAP."

"When we first started this brand, no one could have predicted the success that we would achieve. After 17 months in Washington, I do not know when or if I will ever return to the business, but I do know that my focus for the foreseeable future will be the work I am doing here in Washington, so making this decision now is the only fair outcome for my team and partners," Trump told CNN Tuesday.

"I am beyond grateful for the work of our incredible team who has inspired so many women; each other and myself included," she continued in regards to the Ivanka Trump fashion brand. "While we will not continue our mission together, I know that each of them will thrive in their next chapter."

Back when Trump started distancing herself from her company, The Cut wrote, "Ivanka Trump divorced Ivanka Trump." Now, that's happening for good.

Police bullet shot the woman killed in Los Angeles grocery store

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The bullet that struck and killed a woman at a Trader Joe's grocery store in Los Angeles in the chaotic early moments of a weekend hostage siege was fired by police during a brief gunfight with the armed suspect, authorities revealed on Tuesday.

"[The] scenario confronting the two officers who exchanged gunfire with Atkins was every officer's worst nightmare."
Michel Moore

But Los Angeles Police Chief Michel Moore commended his officers' conduct in what he described as a "devastating ordeal," while the man they arrested was charged with murder for the death of the woman caught in their crossfire.

The victim, Melyda Corado, 27, identified by relatives as a manager at the store, was one of several people who fled the market after the gunman crashed his car just outside while being chased by police on Saturday, Moore told reporters.

The suspect, identified as Gene Atkins, 28, exchanged fire with officers pursuing him into the crowded store in the city's Silver Lake district, then took more than a dozen people hostage as he barricaded himself inside, police said. He finally surrendered following a three-hour standoff.

Suspected of having already shot and wounded his grandmother and a teenage girl elsewhere in the city, Atkins was himself shot in the arm during the gun battle outside Trader Joe's, police said.

Corado, pronounced dead at the scene, was initially said by police to have been killed by gunshots from Atkins. But an investigation later proved otherwise.

"I'm sorry to report that we've now determined through our forensic investigation that one of the officers' rounds struck Ms. Corado as she was exiting the market and was in close proximity to Atkins," Moore said.

After being shot, Corado ran back into the store and collapsed behind the manager's desk, authorities said.

Atkins, jailed in lieu of $9 million bond, was scheduled to appear in court on Monday, Moore said. He was charged with 31 felony counts, including a murder charge stemming from Corado's death.

According to police, the chain of events began at the home of Atkins' grandmother in South Los Angeles, where he is accused of shooting both the 76-year-old woman and a 17-year-old girl.

Police said Atkins then kidnapped the wounded teenager, identified in media accounts as his girlfriend, while fleeing the initial crime scene by car. Police spotted him a short time later in Hollywood, sparking a chase that ended at the Trader Joe's.

Atkins' grandmother and the girl remained in critical condition two days later, Moore said.

Moore said the scenario confronting the two officers who exchanged gunfire with Atkins was "every officer's worst nightmare." But the chief said both officers did "what they needed to do" to defend the public and themselves. REUTERS

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Radiation from the Fukushima nuclear disaster found in California wine

The nuclear disaster happened in Japan more than seven years ago.

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A magnitude 9.0 earthquake hit northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011, triggering a massive tsunami. This tsunami caused a cooling system failure at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, resulting in a nuclear meltdown and leak of radioactive waste that crossed the Pacific Ocean to the West Coast, according to Live Science. Though there were no deaths or instances of radiation sickness from the Fukushima nuclear accident, three employees working at the plant were killed by the earthquake and tsunami.

And there is still fallout from the disaster over seven years later — including traces of radiation in wine produced in California.

A group of French nuclear physicists tested 18 bottles of rosé and cabernet sauvignon produced between 2009 and 2012. After vaporizing the wine, they found twice as much cesium-137 (a radioactive isotope) in cabernet produced after 2011, compared to wine produced prior to the Fukushima accident.

But, what does this mean for us? Should people panic over traces of Fukushima radiation in California wine?

No.

The World Health Organization notes on their website that radiation levels resulting from the Fukushima accident "measured to date in other countries are far below the level

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"We can measure some radioactive level that is much higher than the usual level," Michael Pravikoff, one of the physicists who worked on the study, told The New York Times. But, the contamination in the wine tested by these physicists was still "extremely low."

"We can measure some radioactive level that is much higher than the usual level."

Michael Pravikoff

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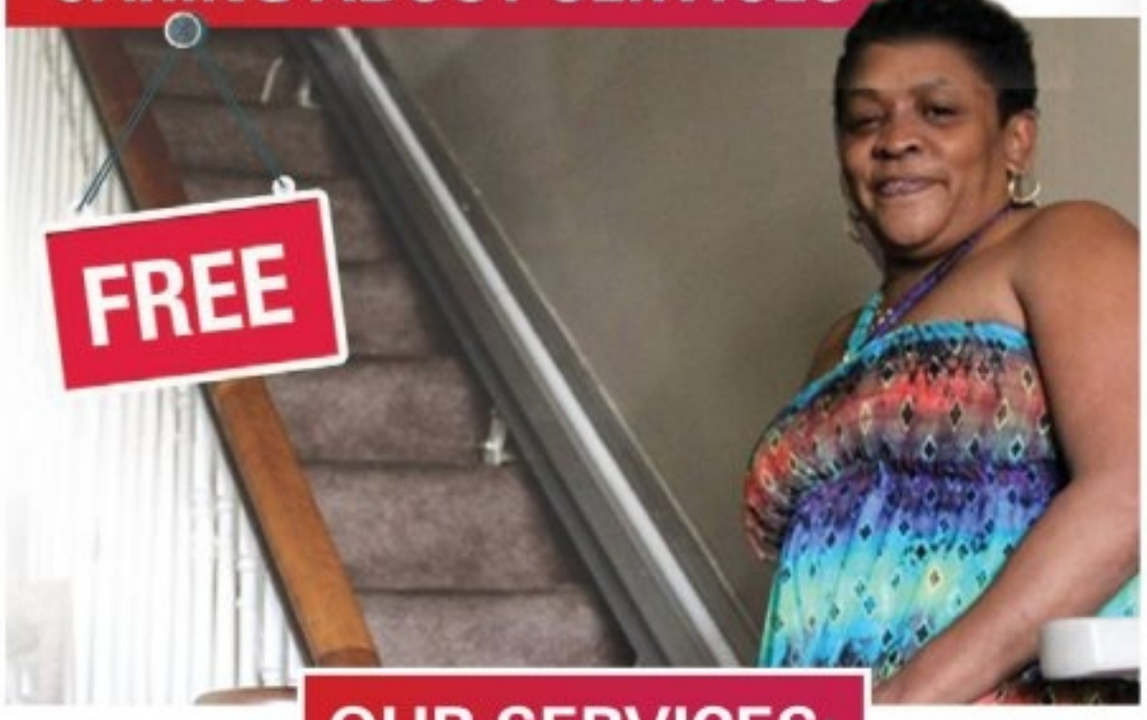

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Pat King
Grumble Editor

A couple weeks ago we received a reader submission to our Grumble page about two different properties in North Philadelphia that were causing this reader's mother some distress. Here is the original Grumble submission in full:

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FLIES EVERYWHERE
Hello. I would like someone to please check what is causing a swarm of flies next door to where my mother lives. A squatter and two pit bulls were removed a couple of weeks ago but the smell and the flies will not allow my 73-year-old mother to enjoy her garden and the nice weather as she can't open the door without covering her nose. She also has an abandoned house on the other side of her house which was due to be torn down months ago and nothing has been done. The structure of her home is in jeopardy if nothing is done now. Please help my mother at [her residence on] N. Lawrence street
- **Marisol Serrano,** *Metro Philly reader*

Well, we have some great news! I ended up calling Karen Guss, director of communications with the Licensing and Inspections department of Philadelphia. She checked on these two buildings and informed me that the abandoned building directly next to your mother's is on the city's "unsafe" list and will be continued to be monitored in case it becomes publicly unsafe. If it gets worse, it will be labeled "imminently dangerous" and torn down. The second building — with the flies and the rancid stench — is on the city's list of buildings that need to be cleaned and sealed to keep out intruders.

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Aries Look for the positive in whatever situation you face. Don't let anyone put unfair demands on you or press you to do more than your share.

Taurus Keep moving forward, regardless of what others are doing. It may be time to reevaluate your current associations.

Gemini A business trip or educational journey will open your eyes to a host of new possibilities. Before you leap into action, do your research and fact-checking to ensure success.

Cancer Getting along with people and surrounding yourself with those you find inspirational will make a difference to the outcome of any venture you take on.

Leo A clear-cut passage should be your plan. Replace extravagance with moderation, and irritability with energetic and purposeful plans. Step away from bullies.

Virgo Personal change will boost your ego and give you the inclination to socialize and network. The people you encounter can help you bring about positive change.

Libra Do something industrious. Keep moving and accomplishing to avoid interaction with someone who is prone to complain or ask for too much.

Scorpio Stick to the basics and rely on past successes to help you make wise choices. Work on personal improvements instead of trying to change others.

Sagittarius Secrets will be revealed if you aren't cautious when sharing information. Someone you think you can trust will use persuasive or devious tactics against you. Don't be gullible.

Capricorn Don't sit idle, but follow through with your plans. Changes at home or at work will lead to greater opportunities and personal gains. Celebrate with a loved one.

Aquarius Keep a level head when dealing with the unpredictable. Desperate measures when dealing with how you earn your living or how you treat co-workers will backfire.

Pisces Participation will keep you in touch with those who can help you bring positive personal change in your life. Share your intentions and feelings with a loved one. EUGENIA LAST

What to expect from the 'Comedy Central Roast of Bruce Willis'

Just about everyone, including ex-wife Demi Moore, was on hand to skewer the star.

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"The Comedy Central Roast of Bruce Willis" airs Sunday, July 29, at 10 p.m. GETTY IMAGES

"We actually just got word that a surprise guest has stopped by," actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt told the audience at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles. "Ladies and gentlemen, Demi Moore."

As soon as the "Comedy Central Roast of Bruce Willis" host finished saying the 55-year-old actress' name, roasters and attendees alike erupted into a standing ovation. After all, her ex-husband was in the middle of getting skewered by Gordon-Levitt and a stage rife with celebrities known and otherwise, and joining the fray was no small matter.

Because the cable channel's latest celebrity roast was filmed nearly two weeks ago, most of its secrets — including Moore's appearance — have already been well-documented by the press. Even so, the taped special is set to air this weekend, and for everyone else who wasn't lucky enough to nab a ticket to the event, Moore and her fellow roasters' quips about the "Die Hard" star will feel brand new.

For those of you who weren't on hand for the occasion, here's a quick guide to the highlights of the "Comedy Central Roast of Bruce Willis."

Demi Moore

Moore's surprise appearance was one of the evening's top moments. Not only was Willis pleasantly surprised by the moment, but the actress' incisive jokes about him were all the more poignant considering their past relationship. "I look at our marriage like 'The Sixth Sense,'" she said as the audience looked on with bated breath. "You were dead the whole time."

Nikki Glaser

Comedian Nikki Glaser, whose performances in the 2016 "Comedy Central Roast of Rob Lowe" and Netflix's "The StandUps" compilation, ruled the night in Moore's stead. "Your daughters must be so proud of their father, Ashton Kutcher," she told Willis at one point. Despite the target on Willis' bald head, however, Glaser scored even more points when she set her sights on Comedy Central itself.

Dennis Rodman

Not every moment at the Willis roast was a roaring success, however. When former star basketball player turned reality-television figure Dennis Rodman took the stage, his various attempts to elicit laughter from the crowd bombed hard. This was especially the case when he referenced North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. "You keep making these bomb movies like Kim," said Rodman, "but at least he is smart enough not to release his." He apologized for the joke and others that fell flat. Whether or not it makes the final edit, however, remains to be seen.

The 'Die Hard' Christmas movie debate

Perhaps one of the most-talked-about moments from the roast, came when Willis himself took the dais. The actor told plenty of jokes at his roasters' expense, including Edward Norton: "You've rubbed more people the wrong way than Harvey Weinstein." Yet the moment that stood out (and launched plenty of think pieces online) was Willis' declaration that the first "Die Hard" film was "not a Christmas movie."

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The Hold Steady perform at the Union Transfer July 26-27. RICH TARBELL

When The Hold Steady the toast of Brooklyn's bar-band scene — hits Philly's Union Transfer for a two-day stint Thursday and Friday, it won't be the first or last time they've holed up here for an extended stay.

Between countless Philadelphia Hold Steady gigs since its 2003 formation, to say nothing of its solo shows from keyboardist Franz Nicolay and leader-singer-lyricist Craig Finn, it's as if they're never not here, and never not selling out wherever they perform.

"I was here at least twice last year," says Finn, referencing gigs at Union Transfer and Milkboy for his 2017 solo album, "We All Want the Same Things."

"I love it in Philly. I have friends there that I've had for years," he adds. "It's a great American city. There's always a lot of Springsteen fans around, and it's always a positive experience being there. Philly reps pretty hard for The Hold Steady."

Finn's notation of Philadelphia's devotion to all things Bruce is crucial to The Hold Steady ethos. The sextet — in sound and lyrical vision — are boldly audacious, even dense, storytellers who'll discuss redemption, hometowns and loss just as soon as look at you, with a sonic vibe equal parts Hüsker Dü (Finn grew up in Minneapolis, home of the Dü), and the E Street Band.

The lyricist-singer mentioned that when it comes to writing for The Hold Steady, he normally comes in with words after guitarist Tad Kubler comes in with the music — "the big riffs, the big drums." With that, Finn's stories on albums such as "Stay Positive" and "Teeth Dreams" or 2018's spate of singles-only releases, have to be epic dramatic and cinematic. "These are blockbuster movies in comparison to my little independent films."

Finn is talking about the differences between what he does as Hold Steady frontman, as opposed to his quieter, more introspective solo albums such as "Clear Heart Full Eyes" and "Faith in the Future." Finn claimed his solo mate-

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Craig Finn opens up about returning to the City of Brotherly Love. RICH TARBELL

The Hold Steady are ready to rock in Philly. DANNY CLINCH

rial is "more me, or me more vulnerable, dealing with little characters. In a nice way, I can look at things that are more mundane. The good mundane, not the bad mundane."

One of the more interesting aspects of Finn's most recent solo album, "We All Want the Same Things," is that he's created loud characters that speak out politically — or place themselves in political situations — rather than having them rant in the first person. In that regard, the album is like "Hamilton" meets "The Crucible," only quieter and sans hip-hop.

"Trump was new, and I just wanted to write songs about a group of people just working had to keep their heads above water," says Finn. "My solo albums paint smaller portraits of real people."

For that reason alone, it would stand to reason that The Hold Steady's 2017 single "The Entitlement Crew" might benefit from Finn's recent political activation and be about The One Percent. Not true.

"That's funny, as a lot of people thought that, but it is really about hipsters, cocky millennials too cool for school, VIPs who always think they should be on the guest list, and that everything is for them."

Everything for The Hold Steady, at present, is about releasing singles, and not albums, as the just dropped "The Stove & the Toaster" — a follow up to "Eureka" — shows the band preferring short sharp bursts of music as opposed to long volleys. "It's really just how the industry is going," said Finn. "Plus, it's more fun and spontaneous, and we don't have to dress up for any photo shoots. Besides, if people want to hear a whole album, they can just wait until we drop a few more singles and listen to them all in a row."

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Woven furniture is in this season.
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Spice up your patio with these *woven furniture* ideas

Get in on the season's biggest outdoor trends. KATELYN CHEF

What does woven, wicker, rattan and raffia weaved furniture all have in common, aside from the rich laced texture? Plaited chairs, small outdoor dining sets and woven baskets happen to be one of the biggest summer outdoor-living trends of the season. After all, you've seen the quintessential bistro sets on social media as well as those pretty cafés you pass on the street. Now, home-decorating enthusiasts are taking their visual inspiration right to their patios and porches.

Bistro sets

You've probably have already admired the traditional blue and white woven French patio bistro set from afar. Or at least while you were sipping your café au lait at an Instagram-worthy coffee shop. Now, with retailers such as Target and Wayfair putting their own spin on the French outdoor sets you can integrate the trend at home. While, the blue-and-white color scheme is signature to the bistro set, other color varieties such as yellow and white, and green and white are also stylish porch additions.

Try it at home:

- Three-piece wicker patio French bistro set—white/blue-Project 62, ***Target, $300***
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- Coral Coast Global Bay outdoor bistro set, ***Hayneedle, $230***

Rattan and raffia accents

The great thing about the laced and woven furniture trend is that the look can be versatile—meaning it's practical whether you decide to use it for indoor or outdoor use. When decorating a covered porch or screened-in patio, rattan and raffia textured pieces can add a new look to your space. If you're new to trying the entwined style, try incorporating one piece such as an ottoman (or large basket) and see how it flows with your vision.

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Nigel Bradham and Jordan Hicks will shoulder most of the load for the Eagles at linebacker this season. GETTY IMAGES

Eagles camp preview: Linebacker

Can Jordan Hicks stay healthy for an entire season?

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The Eagles are set to open training camp on Wednesday, so why not wrap up our position previews by talking about their linebacker unit. Philadelphia's linebacker group is in a state of flux, after seeing Paul Worrilow go down with a torn ACL and Mychal Kendricks being released in the offseason.

Jordan Hicks

If it was not for his nagging injury history, you could make the case that Jordan Hicks is the best linebacker on the Eagles. However, that is not the case at all.

Hicks suffered a ruptured Achilles against the Redskins in late October, effectively ending his 2017 season. It was the second time in three years that he suffered a season-ending injury, but luckily the Eagles were able to prevail without him.

When Hicks does play, however, he is a playmaker at middle linebacker. In three seasons with the Eagles, Hicks has amassed 163 total tackles, 14 pass deflections, seven interceptions, five forced fumbles, two sacks, and a forced fumble.

Nigel Bradham

The Eagles signed Bradham as a free agent back in 2016 to a modest two-year, $7 million deal. Bradham outplayed his initial contract with Philadelphia and got rewarded with a new deal this offseason. The Eagles could not afford to lose Bradham in free agency and re-signed him to a five-year, $40 million contract. It was a smart signing for both parties as Bradham received some financial security for his efforts, while the Eagles maintained one of the better inside linebackers in the NFL.

Corey Nelson

Nelson could be the team's starting third linebacker when they begin the season against Atlanta. Before joining the Eagles on a one-year deal, Nelson spent the first four years of his career with the Denver Broncos.

With Denver, the 6-foot-1 Nelson was a special teams maven and played on passing downs. Nelson played in all 16 games with Denver for three consecutive seasons, before suffering a torn biceps injury last season.

The gamble could ultimately pay off for Nelson, but he will have to beat out the likes of Kamu Grugier-Hill and Nate Gerry for the starting gig.

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5 Storylines to watch for at Eagles training camp 2018

The Birds are about to begin the defense of their Super Bowl crown.

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The Super Bowl title defense officially commences on Thursday for the Philadelphia Eagles. After winning their first championship in 57 years, the Eagles begin their quest for a second straight title. As they head to the NovaCare Complex for the start of training camp, let's examine five key storylines to watch over the next five weeks.

1 All about Wentz

Make no mistake, every snap, step, and throw involving Carson Wentz will be exhaustedly scrutinized to the point of sheer nausea. Expect daily, and hourly on social media, analysis from reporters and TV pundits to espouse their opinion on his progress.

Since he will not play in any preseason games, the key is to ignore all the noise and monitor how many snaps Wentz gets each day and week. Whether he receives the majority of them throughout camp, and especially over the final weeks, will be a clearer sign as to whether Wentz remains on track to start the team's regular-season opener on Sept. 6 against the Atlanta Falcons rather than scrutinizing the angle he plants his surgically repaired foot.

2 Monitoring starters

Coming off an injury, Wentz isn't the only Eagle trying to bounce back after undergoing surgery. They lost starters such as left tackle Jason Peters, linebacker Jordan Hicks, running back Darren Sproles, and special teams MVP Chris Maragos during the season. Then had several others go under the knife in the offseason like wide receiver Alshon Jeffery and defensive linemen Brandon Graham and Tim Jernigan, who had surgery on a herniated disc and is the only one from the group not expected to be ready for the season opener.

It will be mighty interesting to see how many snaps Carson Wentz gets. GETTY IMAGES

3 Jones an inside or outside CB?

The 2017 second-round pick missed all, but one game last year after rupturing his Achilles prior to the draft and appears to be 100 percent to start camp. As long as he remains status quo, Jones will start – however the question remains at what spot.

With the departure of last year's slot corner Patrick Robinson to New Orleans, there is a big hole to fill. Ideally, the Eagles would prefer Jones on the outside and either returning outside starters Ronald Darby and Jalen Mills, or Rasul Douglas and rookie Avonte Maddox, to battle for the other outside position and slot role. However, how Jones looks in camp will dictate his address on the field.

4 Goedert the backup TE?

As the Eagles released 11-year veteran Brent Celek and Trey Burton signed with the Chicago Bears in free agency, the tight end position took the biggest hit in terms of depth in the offseason. Since head coach Doug Pederson likes to employ a two-tight end scheme, Goedert, the team's second-round pick in April, will need to learn the playbook to help complement starting tight end Zach Ertz.

5 Super Bowl hangover?

Following a winter of parades and ring parties, it would be hard to fault them if they did, right? To gauge whether they are or not, pay attention to their focus during camp. Are they goofing around too much and not focused, or are the players crisp and hungry for another title?

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MLB expansion likely on the way, but where?

While Rob Manfred revealed he wants to add two teams to the league, we here at Metro decided to create a few for him.

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Major League Baseball (MLB) Commissioner Rob Manfred revealed during last Tuesday night's All-Star Game that the league is considering expanding from 30 to 32 teams and he didn't hold back in listing potential markets.

"We have a real list of cities that I think are not only interested in having baseball, but are viable in terms of baseball," Manfred said (h/t Nashville Business Journal). "Places like Portland, Las Vegas, Charlotte, Nashville in the United States, certainly Montreal, maybe Vancouver, in Canada. We think there are places in Mexico we could go over the long haul."

The MLB has not expanded since 1998 when the Tampa Bay Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks were introduced. It came five years after the Miami Marlins and Colorado Rockies broke into the league in 1993.

So that got us thinking, what could be some possible names of the teams from these prospective baseball cities?

Your guess is most likely good as ours here, but Metro decided to take a preliminary and all-too-early look at what could be expected. Don't be afraid to let us know your ideas here as well:

With Major League Baseball possibly adding a pair of expansion teams, could we see a return of the Montreal Expos? GETTY IMAGES

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This was a name I actually liked for the NHL franchise before they became the Golden Knights. The Outlaws harken back to an old "Wild West" feel and would further add to the city's bad-boy persona once the NFL's Raiders arrive in the city. Imagine if they could get hometown hero Bryce Harper, too?

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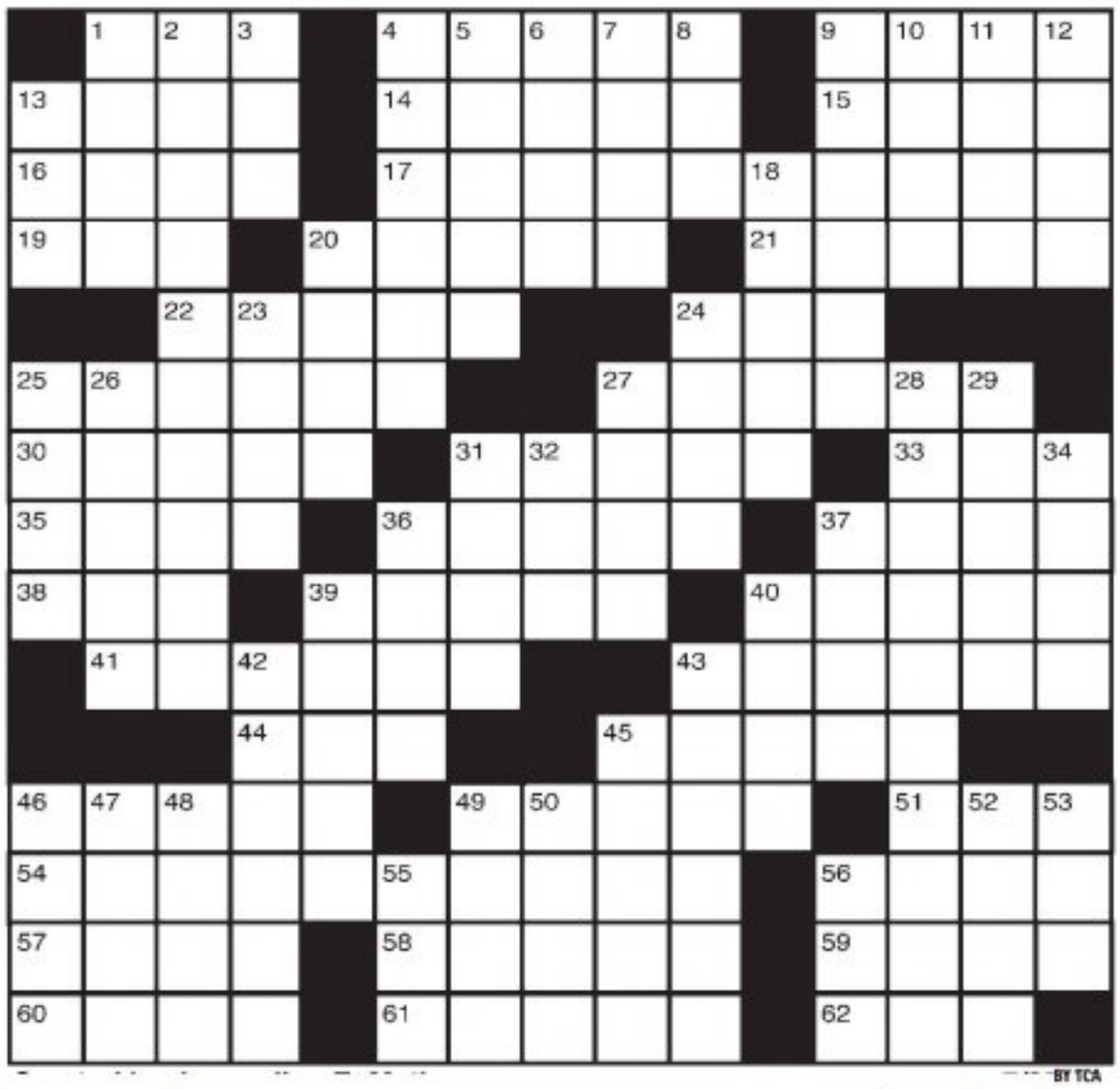

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39 Punctures
40 Baton __, LA
41 Begins
43 Point the __ at; accuse
44 Edison's initials
45 Canine or molar
46 "__ John B"
49 Diagram
51 __ T; exactly
54 Pen name
56 Eerie saucers, for short
57 Gung ho
58 Bylaws
59 Has dinner
60 __ it; understands
61 Bread ingredient
62 Jolson & Roker

DOWN

1 Melt
2 Period of more leisure & less income
3 Affirmative
4 Suppose
5 Ship poles
6 Slight twitches
7 "The buck stops __"
8 Samuel's mentor
9 Shorts, for some
10 Mantilla fabric
11 Over-the-hill
12 Nickname for Elizabeth
13 Disabled car's need
18 Dog's woe
20 Breathing disorder, for short
23 Frank; candid
24 Blockhead
25 Winter flakes
26 Hired vehicles
27 Coolidge and Ripken
28 Considerate
29 Scorch
31 Rowers' needs
32 Ms. McClanahan
34 One's equal
36 Cast a ballot
37 First word in a warning
39 Small fruit
40 Public uprising
42 __ with; opposed to
43 Woods
45 Subdues
46 Panty hose ding
47 "All You Need Is __"; Beatles hit
48 Leave out
49 Helpful hint
50 Luau dance
52 Fumbler's word
53 Burro
55 Crowbar
56 Nation with the most billionaires: abbr.

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